

MARTHA EVANS PHILLIPS

Lehi Centennial History 1850-1950

Martha Evans Phillips, daughter of Abel and Martha Morgan Evans, was born in Lehi, May 18, 1861, her mother being the second wife of Abel Evans.

When Martha was four years of age, her father was called to fill a mission to his native Wales, where he died. Thus it became necessary for young Martha to glean in the fields to help provide for the family, often walking a distance of three miles with bare feet. As she grew older she also did housework.

December 2, 1880, at the age of nineteen, she married George C. Phillips in the Salt Lake Endowment House. She became the mother of five sons and seven daughters.

In the first years of her marriage her husband herded sheep. This placed the responsibility of the home on her, a responsibility she accepted cheerfully and courageously. Actively engaged in sewing, she still found time for beautiful crochet work.

Martha was born and reared in the church and remained faithful to the end. She was diligent in teaching its principles to her family. She served as a Relief Society visiting teacher, but a long and serious illness limited her in this work.

She died March 7, 1906, having lived her entire life in Lehi. Eleven children survive: George, Charles, Abel J., Martha (Mrs. Walter Hunter), Eliza (Mrs. George B. Andrus), Julia (Mrs. Everett E. Anderson), Jane (Mrs. William Chaffin), Leatha (Mrs. Laurel Rock), Ida (Mrs. Peter D. Chris-Wesley Harding), and Edward, deceased.